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**Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula:
“Statement on Operations in Defense
of the Sunni People” (November 28,
2010)**

On November 28, 2010, Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) released a statement, on “operations in defense of the Sunni people”. In the communiqué, which “call[ed] upon the Sunni people to join the brigades defending the honor of the Prophet”, AQAP claimed credit for the “martyrdom operation” targeting a Shiite Houthi rebel procession in northern Yemen on November 26. AQAP then warned their “brothers from the Sunni people to avoid their [Shiite] gatherings and convoys”, as the “the Sunni people [should] know that the rejectionist Huthis are legitimate targets to us.”

“Praise Allah [Verse] and prayer and peace upon His last of the prophets [Hadith]”

“After the repeated calls from the Sunni people to their Mujahideen brothers to defend them, and after the failure of the apostate governments in Sana’a and Riyadh—along with what they possess of armies and huge capabilities and sums of money—to deter the Shiite Huthis and leaving the Sunni people to face their unknown fate, the Mujahideen in the Arabian Peninsula decided to begin with this martyrdom operation in defense of the honors of the Prophet—prayer and peace upon him—and his kind companions—may Allah grace them all-and in defense of our brothers from the Sunni people, after seeing them killed, their honor violated, their homes destroyed and [forcefully] leaving their homes and regions without having any supporters.”

“And we call upon the Sunni people to join the brigades defending the honor of the Prophet—prayer and peace upon him—and the Shiite danger is coming, and if they do not wake up to their affairs, then the rejectionist Shiites will do to them what they have done to the Sunnis in Iraq and Afghanistan. So start now before it is too late, and be aware that the Saudi and Yemeni armies do not represent the Sunni people.”

“And with the grace of Allah, special units have been formed to defend our Sunni brothers...against the evil plots of Iranian Shiites in Saada and surrounding areas under the rule of the rejectionist Huthis.”

“And may the Sunni people know that the rejectionist Huthis are legitimate targets to us, and thus we warn our brothers from the Sunni people to avoid their [Shiite] gatherings and convoys. And we call those who are like them to leave the rejectionist Huthis before it is too late; as we have prepared men for them who won’t settle until their purify the land from their ungodliness and crimes against the Sunni people, and in order to remove Fitnas and to have faith all to Allah. And those who are unjust will know what scheme will befall them.”

The harmful deceit only circles around its people
Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula